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## Press Release

### **STATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO HELP VICTIMS OF STORM REPLACE LOST FUEL SUPPLIES**

*Maximum of \$200 from DHR's Home Energy Program*

**Baltimore (October 10, 2003)**— The State's Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) will release Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) funds to help MEAP eligible victims of Tropical Storm, Department of Human Resources Secretary Christopher J. McCabe announced today.

MEAP funds will pay up to \$200 to help eligible residents replace oil, propane or kerosene damaged due to the powerful storm and its aftermath. This assistance is in addition to any MEAP grant expected for this winter. A payment of a maximum of \$200 will also be paid to the fuel vendor for the cost of draining and replacing the fuel.

"We strongly encourage people to call us if their fuel supply has been destroyed by the worst flooding many of us have ever seen," Secretary McCabe said. "The Ehrlich Administration is playing a key role in replenishing losses suffered from the storm."

Qualifying individuals should apply for assistance through FEMA first and then contact OHEP's local area administrators, said OHEP Director Mary Lou Kueffer. Office locations are available on the DHR Web site or by contacting 1-800-352-1446.

This hurricane disaster program is available immediately and will continue through November 30. OHEP is a program of DHR's Community Services Administration.

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